



Plastic Bag Dragon

You will need:

- Three plastic grocery bags (If your family only uses reusable bags, great job! Someone you know will have plastic bags to give you.)
- One toilet paper tube
- Markers (I suggest red, black and orange to start)
- Scissors

1. Your toilet paper tube will be the head of the dragon. In one end, cut two deep V shapes on opposite sides of the tubes. You can then cut out smaller V shapes in the edges of the large V to form teeth.



2. On the opposite end of the tube, cut small T-shaped slits about ½” from the end. The ears will poke through these slits.

3. Draw the face. Get creative with this part! This example has only eyes and a nose drawn in. Does your dragon have other markings on its face? Is it colorful?



4. Take each plastic bag and lay it flat. Grab one of the bottom corners and run your other hand down the bag, so that it forms a long shape with one corner at the top, the other corner in the middle, and both handles at the bottom.

5. Put the three bags together. Starting about 3” from the end with the corner, start braiding the three bags together tightly. (Ask an adult to show you how to braid.) You can have someone else hold the end or close it in a drawer so that it stays still.



6. When you get around the middle, the braid will get thicker and then start to narrow again. At this point, look at the handles. From each bag there should be a “longer” handle (reaches farther) and a “shorter” handle. Pick two of the “shorter” handles and leave them OUT of the braid – this is the dragon’s wings.

7. Keep braiding for another couple of inches. Now, feed the longest handle remaining all the way through the toilet paper tube so it sticks out the other end. Take two of the other handles and poke them through the slits in the toilet paper tube. These are the ears and will also hold the toilet paper tube on.



8. With the handle that came all the way through the tube, cut the ends so that it has a tattered appearance. Draw on the plastic with markers so that it looks like flame.

And you have your dragon!